



# Seattle City Attorney

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Rules Coordinator  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
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Dear Rules Coordinator:

Thank you for considering the comments we submitted on June 10, 2013 regarding the initial draft of the Liquor Control Board's proposed rules for implementing I-502. We appreciate the thorough and thoughtful approach the Board has taken as it addresses the important and complicated issues involved in comprehensively legalizing, taxing, and regulating marijuana.

We support the revisions the Board has made to the proposed rules since the initial draft. The one additional issue we want to highlight is ensuring that the number of licensed dispensers is sufficient to meet demand. If there are not enough I-502 licensed dispensers to meet demand, we are concerned that the illegal market will fill in the gaps and defeat the purposes of establishing a taxed and regulated recreational marijuana market. To that end, we ask that the Board carefully monitor supply and demand for recreational marijuana as soon as the licensed dispensers begin sales and consider issuing additional licenses later in 2014 for dispensers in Seattle if the 21 initial licenses are insufficient to meet demand in our city.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Holmes", written over a horizontal line.

Peter S. Holmes  
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cc: Mayor Michael McGinn  
Sally Clark, President, Seattle City Council